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Today's Weather.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Thursday, light rain or snow. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington—Cloudy and occasionally threatening.

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Among the matters considered by the county court at its session yesterday were numerous and sundry bills presented for provisions furnished several county paupers. The bills included sardines, cream, oranges, marmalade pears, eggs at 40 cents a dozen, apples, clipped beef, Mocha and Java coffee at 50 cents a pound, and all the delicacies of the season. In fact, they are living on the fat of the land. Corned beef and cabbage, liver and onions, boiled beef and spuds and other solid and substantial foods do not appear upon the bills. Nearly all the paupers are healthy, strong and able-bodied, mostly women, with five or six race suiciders to provide for. Some of the children are old enough to work, but are unable to do so on account of the rich diet furnished by the county court to the pauper parents.

It has cost Clatsop county \$3816 to supply these paupers with food and provisions the past year, and the amount is constantly growing. If the paupers would be content to live on common food, and did not insist on pie and other delicacies, the county court might audit the bills without any compunctions of conscience, but when the paupers live better than the members of the county court can afford to, they have come to the conclusion to draw the line. A few years ago, the pauper element were living on the fat of the land and a local paper exposed them. It was shown that one woman who was drawing \$10 a month from the county, had loaned out several hundred dollars on boats and nets to fishermen in Uniontown. Another had loaned a rancher \$300. The itemized bills disclosed that every delicacy in the market was charged to the county and the bills paid.

The county court has come to the conclusion that the paupers are liable to be troubled with acute indigestion if they continue in their reckless course of living, and the several paupers who are boarding on the county will be cited to appear before the county court at its meeting in January to show cause why a portion at least of the ice cream, bananas, cream, marmalades, jellies, Swiss cheese and other extras should not be cut out of the bill of fare, and more substantial food substituted. An investigation will also be made as to how much money they have got loaned out, with a view of cutting down their allowance.

What Clatsop county needs is a poor farm. There are today about 20 paupers living off the county. Over half of this number are at St. Mary's hospital, most of whom are old and infirm, and unable to earn a living. The others are scattered over different portions of the county, one of whom is reported to be a cook in a logging camp, and one has a position on a small ranch on Youngs river. If a county poor farm were established and these paupers compelled to go there and work, according to their ability, there would not be six paupers on the county. A pauper is similarly constituted to the tramp. Owing to a defect in the organic act of their construction they are troubled with constitutional weariness, making any kind of labor at any and all times attended with great bodily pain. In a number of cases when the county have examined a candidate for the position of pauper on the county, and denied them the regular allowance, the paupers have been compelled to go to work to obtain a livelihood, but where the county grants them \$6 to \$3 per month in groceries, they are liable to press the limit. They buy luxuries with the money allowed by the county and take the interest on money they have loaned out to buy the common necessities of life. If they were all sent to a poor farm where only the common necessities of life are provided, they would probably hunt for another job after the first week.

The county court is inclined to the belief that it is being imposed upon. Some kind, Christian woman goes to the county court with a tale of woe, depicting the suffering and destitution of some poor woman who has been left with from five to a dozen children on her hands, and the court, relying upon

these statements, makes an order, putting them on the pauper list of the county and provide an allowance for them. In many cases the charity bestowed is deserving, while on some, it is unwarranted. It is for this reason that the county court has decided to have these mendicants brought before the tribunal of justice, not only to ascertain who are worthy to be supported at the expense of the county, but to impress upon the minds of the actually destitute, that rich food is productive of dyspepsia, gout and other ailments that their weak constitutions cannot stand, and it is probable that orders will be issued to the grocers to eliminate delicacies from the articles furnished.

A county poor farm can be purchased quite reasonable, and can be made self-sustaining. The only cost would be the salary of a superintendent, and even this could be paid for from products raised on the farm. There is one pauper in Astoria, walking the streets every day, that is objectionable, particularly to women. He should be placed on a poor farm. He is able to work, at least do light chores and could pay for the cost of keeping him. A poor woman with several children, could find a home for her children and she would be able to go out and work. The children could make themselves useful and be kept there until able to work for themselves. This would be a benefit to the mother and the children and the expense to the county would not be felt. The only solution of the pauper question is to buy a poor farm. There will be less paupers and the cost of maintaining the farm would be less than half the cost of supporting paupers.

THE BALLOT IN COLORADO.

The news dispatches from Colorado have given but little information about the actual condition of affairs there. Governor Peabody has been represented as intending to do violence to the law in order to retain his office by force. The actual condition as shown by the Denver press is that Governor Peabody is not doing anything. The federal courts have jurisdiction of offenses against the franchise committed at elections when members of congress and presidential electors are chosen. The federal court in Denver has assumed this jurisdiction and already twenty-six accused people are under arrest, one of them being a woman voter. This batch all belong to the local democratic machine, but it is not probable that all the frauds were committed by the members of one party. When the courts get through with the large number of cases brought before them, it will be known who was legally elected governor, and not before.

It is not remarkable that Governor Peabody suffered politically for his effort to maintain order in Colorado. What he did there was done before his time in Idaho by Governor Steunenberg, a democrat and a very able man. His enforcement of the law and protection of life and property by drastic means was necessary to prevent anarchy in the state, but his action retired him from politics. Instead of his being renominated, as the Colorado republicans renominated Peabody, it will not even permit him to be a delegate to a county convention, putting its ostracism of him expressly upon the ground that he enforced the law.

If it prove that Peabody is legally defeated, yet it is improbable that the disorderly conditions with which he had to deal will ever return to Colorado, so that the state will enjoy the peace he procured, though it refuse him recognition for compelling order out of chaos.

Merchant Marine.

With the arrival of the steamer Arabia, about December 22, another oriental line with regular sailings every three weeks will be established. The sailings for the boats of the line are Arabia, January 2; Aragonia, January 22, and Nicomedia, February 17.

The British steamer Ellice, which was sent to quarantine by Dr. Earle is being released, the crew accompanying her until the exception of Captain McLead and two Chinese who were stricken by smallpox. The boat will leave up the river for Portland soon.

The steamer Alliance collided with the Columbia at Portland yesterday and lost part of her rail.

The steamer Kelburn, arrived from San Francisco yesterday, and the Ruthwell dropped down to the lower harbor, but could not get out to sea.

He Figured It Out.

"I've got an eight-year-old boy at home that will make either a metaphysician or a detective, I'm not sure which," remarked a lawyer as he entered his office the other morning. "The kid's just getting over an attack of measles and has hard work amusing himself. Yesterday his mother and the nurse were in the room, and he spoke up all of a sudden, much to the embarrassment of his mother: "Say, ma, I know how old nurse is."

"His mother thought the nurse might be confused, but she wasn't. "How do you know so much, Willie?" she asked.

"Well, I asked you once how many years you've been nursing, and you said five. Then, when you forgot that, I asked you how old you was when you went to the training school, and you said eighteen. Then by and by I asked you how long you was in school, and you said four years. Now, eighteen and four and five are twenty-seven. See?" -New York Tribune.

NOVEMBER REPORT

Master Fish Warden Van Dusen Submits His Monthly Report.

WORK AT THE HATCHERIES

Giving Account of Work Done and Results Actually Obtained in the Propagation of Salmon in Oregon.

Astoria, Ore., December 1.

To the Honorable Board of Fish Commissioners, Salem, Ore: Gentlemen: The receipts of the office during the month have been as per the following:

From account of licenses issued in district No. 1, \$43; district No. 2, \$1,000.50.

The work done on the fishway over the falls of the Willamette river by Ernest P. Rands, contractor, has been completed, and fully accepted by the state's engineer, J. W. Moffatt, in accordance with a report filed to that effect with this office, which in substance is as follows:

Oregon City, Ore., Nov. 29, 1904.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to submit the following report on the work done on the state fishway at this place: I hereby certify that Ernest P. Rands, contractor for the above mentioned fishway, has completed said fishway, according to plans and specifications made by me and adopted by the state board of fish commissioners on the 9th day of September, 1903, and in accordance with contracts entered into by him October 2, 1903.

That he and his workmen followed instructions given by me as nearly as practicable in the construction and completion of said work. That all work has been done according with plans above mentioned, except pools Nos. 13 and 14, which are not quite 10 feet wide, as called for, as the natural seams in the rock left the walls more solid, and as the width at this point, which is the crest of the falls, is ample to carry all water, and it being a place where a great amount of drift is carried over, I decided it was better than to risk weakening the walls.

All work was done for the amount stipulated in the contract (\$2600), but as the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company completed a concrete dam, it was made possible, and very necessary to complete pool No. 10, not shown on original plan, which required a reversion wall, which forms a resting pool 90 feet long by 40 feet wide and 10 feet deep, and decreases the rise at the crest of the falls, and also prevents the side current, which at this point crosses the fishway.

In accordance with contracts Mr. Rands is entitled to \$1400, balance due on contract, he having received \$1200, and to 147 cubic yards of concrete at \$10 per cubic yard, \$1470, and 23 cubic yards of rock excavation at \$4.50 per cubic yard, \$103.50, making the total due Mr. Rands \$2973.50.

Very respectfully, J. W. MOFFATT, Engineer in Charge of the Construction of the Fishway.

Hatchery Operations.

The work of collecting eggs at coast hatcheries this season has been very encouraging, especially was this so at the South Coos river hatchery, where they succeeded in getting 6,650,000 chinook eggs, which crowded the hatchery to its fullest capacity, and in addition thereto 3,846,000 silversides' eggs were taken and impregnated and planted on the gravel bars above the hatchery. From recent reports received from Superintendent Smith it seems that after getting his hatchery full of eggs he estimates that he let fully 20,000 salmon go by, every one of which lot, with the weather conditions favoring the work, could have been held and spawned, which would have assured him of at least 20,000,000 more eggs. During the past two years this hatchery has done exceptionally good work but never before has the showing been quite equal to this year.

Yaquina Hatchery.

At the Yaquina hatchery good results are also being obtained and it looks very much as though their new hatchery will be crowded to its fullest capacity before the season's work of taking eggs is over. From reports received they have collected 2,607,000 chinook eggs and about 1,000,000 silversides. The work on the silversides will last throughout the rest of this month, which will no doubt assure them of two or three million more eggs.

Ontario Hatchery.

After finishing up the work on the Chinook salmon at our Ontario station this year, I allowed the racks to remain in across the Snake river to determine, if possible, whether any of the silverside variety of salmon ascended that far up the river to spawn. These racks were kept in, perfectly intact, until the 21st of November, with the result that not a silverside nor a fall chinook showed up, whereupon they were taken out and stowed away for the winter. I have always been in doubt about the regular silverside salmon of the Columbia going so far to spawn, and as

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the weather was favorable and as the expense would be nominal, I thought it a good time to test the matter.

Disbursements. The accounts against the department which I have approved and present herewith amount to the sum of \$4075.17, \$402.92 of which is against hatchery fund, district No. 1, \$421.50 is against the special fund for operating and maintaining hatcheries, coast streams (the Umpqua river hatchery), and \$3223.59 is against the special fund, constructing fishway over the falls of the Willamette. Very respectfully submitted.

G. H. VAN DUSEN, Master Fish Warden.

Eventually the good women may realize that the retirement of Smoot would be as ineffectual to insure morality in Washington as the abolishing of the army canteen has been to establish temperance among the soldiers.

Mrs. Chadwick appears to have a number of silent partners in her funny business.

Kept Him Guessing. "Suppose I were to tell you you must not go to the matinee today," said Mr. Naggit. "How would you like that?" "Oh," ambiguously replied his young wife, with a steely glitter in her eye, "I wouldn't mind." - Philadelphia Press.

He Wanted Action. Investment Broker—What you want, I presume, is something that pays large dividends. Prospective Investor—No, I don't care about the size of the dividends just so I get 'em often enough. I'm no hog.—Chicago Tribune.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House. M. A. Hackett, Portland. John P. Paul, Nahcotta, Wash. C. Thorall, Truckee, Cal. C. J. Whyte, Portland. W. Elliott, Portland. H. B. Parker, City. A. L. Myers, City. H. E. Mitchell, U. S. A. B. S. Compton, Portland. Harry Williams, Portland. Wm. Larson, Lewis and Clark.

Funeral Notices.

Members of the Scandinavian Benevolent Society are hereby requested to attend the funeral of our late brother, August Larson. Funeral Friday, December 9, at 10 o'clock a. m., from Pohl's undertaking parlors. Pohl's undertaking parlors. By order LUDWIG LARSON, President.

JOHN NORDSTROM, Recording Secretary.

Attention Bartenders. The Bartenders' Union have moved into the Carnahan hall, over William Rock's, where all meetings will be held in the future. The first meeting will be held tonight, at which all members are requested to be present. Election of officers will take place. Refreshments will be served. A full attendance is requested. CHAS. DALSTROM, Secretary.

Governor Douglas of Massachusetts is said to be happiest in his own home. Sure. There he can take off those \$3.50 shoes and be comfortable in a pair of carpet slippers.

The rumbling of Port Arthur's fall is heard as far away as St. Petersburg.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's New Through Service.

Effective November 27th, 1904, and thereafter, a new daily train will be inaugurated, leaving Grand Central passenger station, Chicago, at 10:30 p. m., for Akron, Cleveland, Youngstown, Pittsburg and intermediate points, connecting at Pittsburg with "Duquesne Limited" for Philadelphia and New York, and with train No. 10 for Washington, D. C., and Baltimore. This train will be equipped with first-class day coaches, Pullman sleepers and dining car service. On all through tickets stop-over will be allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed 10 days at each place.

For further particulars address, Peter Harvey, General Agent, Room 1, Hobart Bldg., San Francisco. D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic Baltimore, Md. B. N. Austin, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

To the Public.

Notice is hereby given that the office of the Auditor and Police Judge will be open between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week to accommodate any who may desire to register for the coming election. The registration books will be closed Saturday at 4 o'clock p. m., the 10th day of December, 1904.

OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the city of Astoria.

Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers Association will be held at the offices of the company at Astoria, Oregon, on December 12th, 1904, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be considered.

Astoria, Or., Nov. 28, 1904. GEO. H. GEORGE, Sec'y.

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